

PROCLAMATION

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Childhood cancer is reported as the second leading cause of death for children 19 and younger in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cancer kills more children than AIDs, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and congenital anomalies combined; and

WHEREAS, The National Cancer Institute (NCI) notes that among the 12 major types of childhood cancers, leukemias (blood cell cancers) and cancers of the brain and central nervous system account for more than half of the new cases; and

WHEREAS, In Nevada, hundreds of children are battling various types of cancer each day. The Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation estimates they'll work with nearly 40 new families this year in addition to those already working with the foundation; and

WHEREAS, Our children are our greatest resource. Ensuring that those with cancer and their families have the support and services they need, as well as educating the public, is vital to combatting this illness; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation is promoting awareness and about childhood cancer and provides financial and emotional support to families who have children living with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Washoe County also honors the determination and bravery of children and their families to fight the battle against childhood cancer; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Board of Washoe County Commissioners that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Washoe County.

ADOPTED this 9th day of September, 2014.

Chairman David Humke
Washoe County Commission

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